

REMARKS

With this amendment, Applicant has added claims 38 through 40. Applicant respectfully submits that the present claims have been added to further clarify the invention, and the present amendment has not been made for a substantial reason relating to patentability. Claims 1-40 are pending in the present application.

No new matter has been added. Applicant respectfully submits that all of the claims are supported by the specification, claims, and drawings as originally filed.

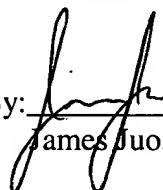
With reference to the Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS") filed on August 17, 2001, Applicant notes that co-pending application serial no. 09/054,320 is a continuation application which claims priority to U.S. Patent No. 5,636,641 ("Fariabi") cited in that IDS.

Should any question arise, Applicant respectfully requests that the examiner kindly telephone Applicant's attorney of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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